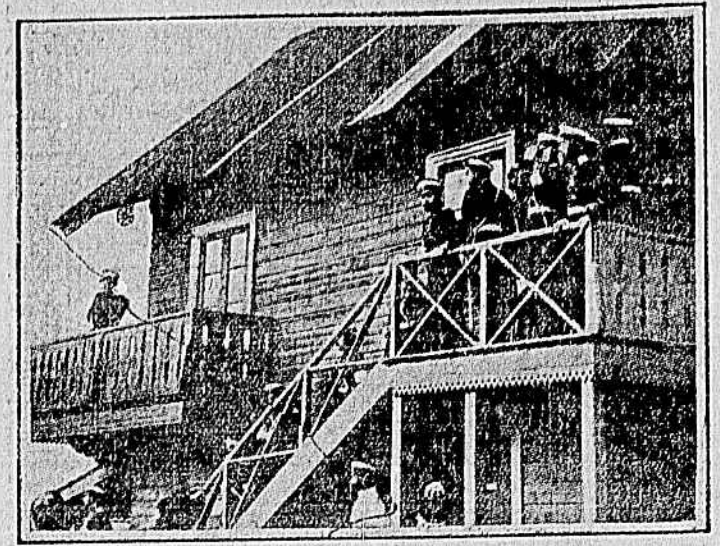


KOREAN ARMY TO JOIN JAPS



The Czar and His Officers Reviewing Russian Troops at Pavlosk.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:
Virginia—Rain or snow Saturday, warmer in central and southeast portions; north winds on the coast, possibly clearing; Sunday fair.
North Carolina—Rain or snow Saturday; north winds on the coast, possibly clearing; Sunday fair.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.
P. A. M. 21
2 P. M. 22
6 P. M. 24
9 P. M. 25
12 Midnight 26
Average for 24 hours 27.1-2

Highest temperature yesterday 25
Lowest temperature yesterday 18
Mean temperature yesterday 22
Normal temperature for February 37
Departure from normal temperature 15
Precipitation during past 24 hours 0.0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
February 27, 1904.
Sun rises 6:40
Sun sets 5:50
Moon sets 3:45

HIGH TIDE.
Morning 1:30
Evening 1:35

Richmond.
Tidewater Railway Company just chartered by the Corporation Commission to build a road from the coal fields of southwest Virginia to Norfolk and Chesapeake Bay. The terms of the charter and the proposed route have been made public, and the company has been authorized to begin construction at once. The route will be a direct line from the coal fields to the water, and will be a great benefit to the people of the region. The company has been authorized to begin construction at once, and the route will be a direct line from the coal fields to the water, and will be a great benefit to the people of the region.

Virginia.
Norfolk county Republicans have a harmonious meeting and endorse the State organization. T. Bolling Bell, of Lee, is the candidate for Governor. The meeting was held at the Norfolk Hotel, and was attended by a large number of the county's leading citizens. The meeting was held at the Norfolk Hotel, and was attended by a large number of the county's leading citizens.

North Carolina.
Governor Aycock declared that the appointment of receiver for Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad is an outrage. He said that the appointment was a violation of the law, and that he would take steps to have it annulled. The appointment was made by the Federal Court, and was a subject of much controversy.

General.
Stock market relapses into extreme dullness after slight rally, and advances are wiped out and small losses are realized. The market was very quiet, and there was little trading. The prices of the leading stocks were about the same as yesterday.

SOFT COAL OUTLET TO THE OCEAN

Gigantic Railroad Lines Proposed.

CHARTER GRANTED
AND WORK IS BEGUN

Tidewater Railway Co. Propose
to Practically Parallel Nor-
folk and Western.

ENGINEERS ARE NOW
LAYING OUT ROUTE

To Tap Coal Fields at New
River, in Giles County, and
Run Through Southern Tier
of Counties to Norfolk.
Company Said to Have
Ample Capital.

With the chartering by the State Corporation Commission several days ago of the Tidewater Railway Company and the setting to work at once of one hundred and fifty men laying out the proposed new line from New River to Norfolk, comes the prospect of early and sharp competition in the moving of soft coal from West Virginia and Southwest Virginia to deep water.

The new company is capitalized at from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to be divided into shares of \$100 each, though this is said to be but a bagatelle compared with the enormous capital behind the scheme. All the officers and directors for the first year are Staunton men and the home office is to be in the Valley City.

The Route Proposed.
The line upon which one hundred and fifty engineers are already at work will practically parallel the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Starting at a point where the New River crosses the boundary line between Virginia and West Virginia, in Giles county, the road will run through the counties of Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke county and city, Franklin, Bedford, Campbell, Pittsylvania, Lunenburg, Charlotte, Prince Edward, Henric, Nottoway, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Sussex, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Norfolk, the eastern terminal to be on deep water at a point in Norfolk county in or near Norfolk city.

The charter is a perpetual one and the estimated length of the new road is 325 miles.

The charter provides that the directors may elect two or more of their number as an executive committee, to have full charge of the affairs of the road, subject, of course, to confirmation.

Wanted a Good Start.
The charter is a very brief document, and sets out only the bare facts required by law. This coupled with the fact that the maximum capital stock was fixed at such a low figure, and that the matter so far has been managed with such marked secrecy, would seem to indicate that those behind the scheme desired to get their work well under way before opposition was excited.

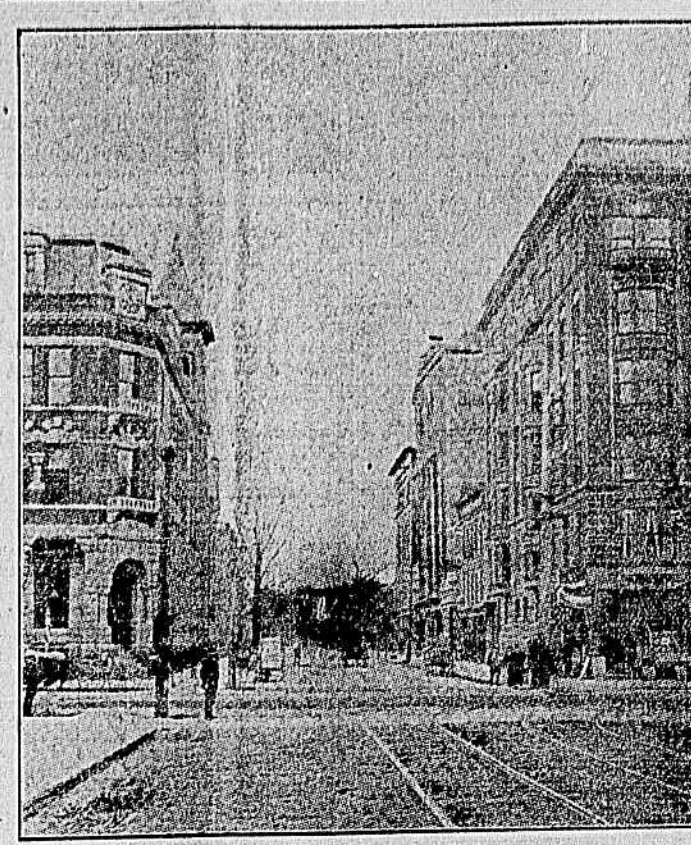
No one here seems in a position to say much concerning the details of the scheme, but the officers and directors are not only prominent men, but are recognized as among that class whose keen business judgment would impel them to press to a successful issue all undertakings in which they become interested.

It is, therefore, believed that in a short time the capital stock of the company will be greatly enlarged, and that the building of the road will be pushed with all possible vigor.

Sharp Competition.
If the road is to be actually built, as now seems likely, it will open up the sharpest kind of competition in the matter of bringing the soft coal from the great Southwest to deep water for market. Tapping the great soft coal fields on New River, it will be a direct line to Norfolk, and will, of course, be a strong bidder for other freight, as well as passenger traffic along the way.

At present the Chesapeake and Ohio line, the Norfolk and Western have the soft coal traffic from Southwest Virginia.

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Corner of Main and Clinton Streets, One of the Principal Business Centers of Rochester.

TERMS WERE CUT SHORT

Mayor and Eleven Richmond
Aldermen Would Have Lost
Two Years Each.

FATAL ERROR DISCOVERED

Last Legislature Passed Bill
Which Is to be Amended to
Save Officers.

An interesting bill has been offered in the Senate and ordered to its engrossment, having for its object the correction of an error in the statutes passed at the last extra session, which error would have cut short the terms of eleven of the present members of the Richmond Board of Aldermen and fixed the terms of those to be chosen in the future at two years instead of four.

The members of the Board who have two more years to serve, when their rights shall have been restored by the amendatory bill, but who, except for the discovery of the error during the present session, would have to surrender on the first day of next September, are as follows:

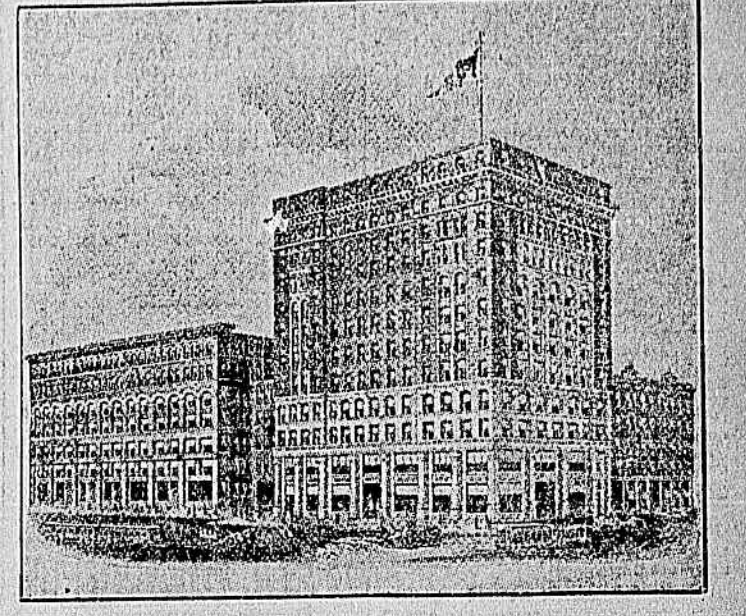
Messrs. W. H. Adams of Jefferson; S. H. Catlett of Clay; P. H. Donahoe of Jackson; W. J. Gilman of Lee; Marx Gunst of Monroe; John B. Minor of Lee; J. L. Satterfield of Marshall; Mr. Fill Seay of Clay; Louis Washler of Marshall; W. H. Zimmerman of Madison; William M. Turpin, of Jefferson.

Old Law Followed.
The act into which this much-discussed error somehow crept, is to be found on pages 63 and 64 of the Acts of 1902, 1903 and 1904, the chapter being 43. The measure was offered by Richmond members in both houses, and applied only to this city. It was designed to fix the election days for choosing the Mayor and members of the two branches of the Council, and the old law was followed as to the term of Mayor, which, up to the going into effect of the new Constitution, was two years, and in some way the two term feature was likewise applied to the board.

The extracts from the act which bear upon the subjects affected are as follows: "The Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen and of the Common Council of the city of Richmond shall be elected on the second Tuesday in June preceding the expiration of their terms of office of their predecessors, and their terms of office shall begin on the first day of September succeeding." "The term of the Mayor and the

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A FIERCE FIRE IN ROCHESTER



THE GRANITE BUILDING, One of the Largest and Finest Structures in Rochester, Which Was Completely Guttured by Yesterday's Fire.

RETAIL DRY GOODS DISTRICT OF THE CITY NOW LIES IN RUINS.

THE LOSS IS THREE MILLIONS

Of This \$70,000 Represents Loss
on Building, the Balance
Being on Stock.

(By Associated Press.)
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The sun set to-night with ten engines pouring streams of water on the ruins of what was practically the retail dry goods district of this city, for three out of the five department stores were consumed in today's disastrous fire, one of which, the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company, was by far the largest establishment of this kind in the city, and the oldest.

Insurance men place the loss at \$3,000,000. Of this amount \$700,000 represents the loss on buildings, and the remainder the loss on stocks of goods and to occupants of offices. It is estimated that 2,500 people are thrown out of work, temporarily, at least, because of the fire.

Burned District.
The burned district lies on the north side of Main Street, between St. Paul Street and Clinton Avenue, north, running from St. Paul Street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment—that of the Walkover Shoe Company—before its progress was checked in that direction. Next west was the store of the Beadle-Sherburne Company, which was destroyed; then the marble block occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company, which was destroyed, and finally the thirteen-story Granite Building, the lower part of which also was occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company, and the upper part by offices. Only the front wall of the Marble Building is standing to-night. The shell of the Granite Building is intact, and the floors are in place, but the building was gutted.

Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company's six-story wholesale building, together with the stables in the rear, was destroyed, with all its valuable contents, this loss being placed at \$1,500,000.

There was a lively stable and some frame dwellings on Division Street, a narrow thoroughfare, running in the rear of the burned stores, and these were damaged by water and falling walls.

No Casualties.
There were no casualties, and no one was injured, except Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes, who was struck by a flying nozzle and received some bruises.

The power on the trolley line running along Main Street was cut off to avoid danger from electricity, and no cars have run since the explosion. The fire occurred all day. All other traffic has also been stopped, and probably will not be resumed until Monday.

Following is a table of the losses: Granite Building, \$200,000; Marble Building, \$75,000; Beadle-Sherburne Company, \$100,000; Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company, \$250,000.

The loss on stock was as follows: Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company, \$1,500,000; Granite Building, \$1,250,000; Beadle-Sherburne Company, \$500,000; Rochester Dry Goods Company, \$150,000.

The smaller losses total up \$87,000. The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the employ of the Rochester Dry Goods Company. It was first seen at 4:50 o'clock and the watchman says it started from a fuse, which blew out in the electric elevator connection. Almost simultaneously an explosion occurred in the basement of Beadle and Sherburne's, next door. Smoke and flames poured through the elevator grating in the sidewalk and in an incredibly short time the buildings were a mass of flames.

**BIG FIRE IN DECATUR
DOES DAMAGE OF \$70,000**
(By Associated Press.)
DECATUR, ALA., Feb. 26.—Fire which broke out in a large two-story frame building next to the Echols Opera House building early today, caused a loss of \$70,000, partially covered by insurance. A defective fuse caused the fire. Several stores and residences were destroyed.

THERON H. BROWN IS UNDER ARREST

Missing Insurance Man Has Been
Apprehended in Chicago—To
be Brought Back.

Major Howard yesterday received information that Theron H. Brown, formerly connected with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, and who disappeared from this city about three months ago, had been apprehended in Chicago. He will be brought back to this city on the charge of embezzling \$15,000 from the company. A warrant has been sworn out against him, and it is likely that Detective Wren will go to Chicago to bring him back.

FATHER AND SON ARE BOTH KILLED

Mother and Another Child Per-
haps Fatally Injured
by Train.

(By Associated Press.)
MARIETTA, GA., Feb. 26.—J. W. Turner and his five-year-old son were killed, and his wife and a three-year-old son were badly bruised and Mrs. Turner's foot was crushed by a train on the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railroad here to-night, and a year-old baby received slight bruises.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BURNED

T. Bolling Bell Loses His Life
Trying to Save That of
Mrs. Bell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 26.—News has just been received here of a tragic affair in Isle of Wight county, near Ferguson's Wharf. Last night as Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolling Bell were preparing to retire, the lady attempted to blow out the lamp, when it exploded, enveloping the unfortunate woman's body in flames. Mr. Bell seized the bed covering and attempted to smother the blaze by wrapping it around her. His clothing also caught fire, and both were denuded before assistance reached them. Both were frightfully burned. Mrs. Bell died in a few hours and her husband passed away this morning. They are survived by two sons and two daughters.

NORFOLK AID TO PORTSMOUTH FIRE

Big Warehouse and Seaboard
Offices Threatened—Fire-
man Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PORTSMOUTH, VA., Feb. 26.—J. and E. Mahoney's great whiskey depot and the Seaboard Air Line general offices were endangered to-night by a fire which threatened to destroy Portsmouth's wholesale district.

SHED BURNS AT THE SHIPYARD

Loss Amounts to Fifteen Thou-
sand—Will Not Interfere
With the Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 26.—The angle-iron shed at the shipyard, one of the few frame and one of the oldest buildings in the plant, was destroyed this evening about 7 o'clock. The blaze lit up the heavens for miles around, and there was intense excitement throughout the city, many persons imagining that the immense plant was threatened.

BRIDE OF A FEW DAYS HAS THE SMALLPOX

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Hammond, a bride of only a few days and the wife of Superior Court Clerk Hammond, of Randolph county, has a mild case of varioloid, or smallpox. Her brother at Laurinburg recently had smallpox. She has twice been vaccinated, and no fears are entertained.